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CRUISE SHIPPING POLICY
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the Cruise Shipping Policy;

(b) whether the Government has identified various ports for developing passenger-cum-cruise terminals for cruise vessel;

(c) if so, the details thereof indicating the name of such ports, State-wise; and

(d) the time by which such policy is likely to be implemented in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a): The salient features of Cruise Shipping Policy are conducive fiscal regime, development of facilities at Ports, connectivity through rail, road transport, air and metro, quick completion of immigration formalities, hassle free custom clearance and proper waste disposal system ensuring a cleaner ocean.

(b) & (c): Yes Madam. Cochin Port in Kerala, New Mangalore Port in Karnataka, Chennai and Tuticorin Port in Tamilnadu and Mormugoa Port Trust in Goa are developing dedicated passenger cum-cruise terminals for cruise vessels. With regard to non-major ports, as per Indian Ports Act, 1908, these ports are under the jurisdiction of respective Maritime States.

(d): The Government has already approved the cruise shipping policy for implementation in the country.